

THE SEANCE ROUND TABLE



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(The Round-Table Seance is a new department introduced herewith by the Daily Standard-Examiner). It is for a free discussion of psychic phenomena about which so little is known and so much bosh has been printed. Carl Germain, a student of the psychic and also a demonstrator on the stage for years of clever schemes and tricks for which other "stage magicians" have claimed supernatural standing, has been engaged to write exclusively for this newspaper about Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Oulja and Premonitions. He will eliminate the obviously fraudulent side of these subjects and tell what, if any progress scientists have made in explaining them.

By CARL GERMAIN
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You're an idiot! said Dr. Nostrum to his friend the famous alienist, Syko. "You're a confounded idiot if you believe that this man Fisher got his information of the Wall street bomb plot telepathically."

"In my opinion," he continued, "he thumped the table emphatically, every doctor who believes such rot ought to be put into a padded cell, and every lawyer who uses thought-transference 'dope' in defending a criminal ought to be sentenced to serve in the chain gang with his client."

Dr. Syko grew quite pale, fumbled for his watch, mumbled something which sounded like "appointment," and left the club with out another word. The two men have not spoken to each other since.

What sort of Sphinx-riddle is this thing telepathy that scientists of recognized ability and high professional standing should differ about it so absolutely? It is possible that thought-transference may become as good a ground for defense in trial for crime as insanity is today. What personal experience have you ever had that seems to prove that we can communicate with each other telepathically?

MANY NOW SEEK FACTS AND RESPECT WITNESS

The question whether thought may transfer itself from one mind to another without the aid of the physical senses, is quite as important to mankind today as the old, old question, "Does human personality manifest its continued existence after bodily death?" It is in fact of first importance for we will have to eliminate telepathy before we can accept the evidence offered in proof of spirit communication. Yet, strange to say, we have very little light on the subject. For it was not until the last generation that science paid any serious attention to those strange experiences which seem to evidence either thought-transference or spirit communication.

Earlier generations either attributed these phenomena to witchcraft or flatly denied the facts. But our own generation of thinkers cannot dispose of things so easily. It has been found that certain ever-recurring strange experiences of men cannot be explained away either by calling them works of the devil, or by pooh-poohing their significance.

Until the founding of the Society for Psychical Research in 1882, we had no organized movement for the study of psychic phenomena. The primary purpose for the founding of this society was to conduct an examination into the nature and extent of any influence which may be exerted by one mind upon another apart from any generally recognized mode of perception.

While the evidence so far collected by the society has not greatly advanced our knowledge, its proceedings have stimulated general interest which is most valuable. We must, in considering the work of the society, bear in mind the very difficult nature of the value of negative evidence should no other be forthcoming.

MANY CLEVER SCHEMES FOUNDED ON TELEPATHY

Some of the most valuable work done by the society has no doubt been the exposure of a vast amount of fraud perpetrated by both amateur and professional mediums and psychics. The schemes and devices by which the effect of thought-transference may in the lingo of the con-fraternity be "faked," are today so numerous and clever that no one who has not made a thorough study of them can be considered a competent witness to an experiment in telepathy.

There is, for instance, the perplexing performance, seen in vaudeville, where a lady seated at a piano on the stage instantly plays any musical number which you may request in a whisper to her partner passing through the audience. This is not a new trick, but the shirt-bosom of the gentleman who whispered to might be the sender of a wireless telephone, the receiver of which might be concealed in the lady's corset.

SELF-DECEPTION CAUSE OF FREQUENT FRAUD

Still more difficult than conscious trickery is the element of subconscious fraud or self-deception, which is the source of alleged telepathic power in a very large number of cases. The chief cause of such self-deception seems to lie in the abnormal sensitiveness of one or more of the sensory perceptions, a condition psychologists term hyperaesthesia.

The ultimate power of our five senses has not as yet been determined, and there are those who believe that the solution of all psychic mysteries is to be found in the abnormal susceptibility of our sensory perceptions. In the unsuspected keenness of our subconscious memory, and last but by no means least, in an ability to sum up subconsciously countless trivial and seemingly meaningless bits of intelligence collected by our five senses.

While a vast majority of scientists hold the evidence for telepathy so far collected wholly insufficient, a small minority, who believe that they have proof absolute of the existence of the power, have formulated numerous theories to explain its functioning. WHAT ARE THEORIES ABOUT TELEPATHY

Although the consideration of these theories, before we are satisfied that the power they would explain exists, is somewhat like putting the cart before the horse, it may be interesting to note a few of them.

It has been surmised that thought may be transferred from mind to mind by an emanation of odd force, by an emanation of magnetic fluid, by radiation of N-rays, which presumably act similar to X-rays, by direct action between nerve centers, by community of sensation between like bodies, or affinity between complementary bodies; by connection with a central cosmic absorber, by mental vibrations or brain waves.

TELEPATHY IS NOT WELL ESTABLISHED

Probably because of its similar likeness to wireless telegraphy the last seems to be the most popular theory.

The analogy between telepathy and wireless is so easily drawn and so plausible that pseudo-scientists, writers of fiction and weird religionists of many sorts have freely exploited it. In consequence of this propaganda the belief that telepathy is a well-established scientific fact is quite widespread. This is not true.

Psychologists are, however, contently conducting experiments and collecting evidence, so we may hope to know the truth about telepathy ere long—the truth that will set us free of ignorance and superstition.

ORIENTAL DANCE CRAZE SHOCKS PAY DAY IS SET

Smoker Ends Differently, Chicago Reformers Say in Launching Crusade

By EDWARD M. THIERRY, N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.
CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Has hubby been taking an occasional night out with lately, with that "smoker" or a "stag"?

If he hasn't he either isn't alive to the possibility of the increasingly popular form of entertainment, or he doesn't care for that sort of thing. It has come as an aftermath of prohibition—a tremendous revival of Oriental dances, naughtily shows that make the Arabian Nights sound tame. It's the new relaxation for the tired business man.

The committee of fifteen, led by Superintendent Samuel P. Thrasher, Chicago's indefatigable foe of things



Immoral, has declared war on the "smoker" and the "stag." Chicago mirrors the rapidly increasing popularity of the naughtily shows all over the country, reformers say.

SLIDING SCALE OF RATES.
Looking agencies exist where a society, union, club, lodge or an association—legitimate or otherwise—may book every risqué act on the calendar at a sliding scale of rates, adjusted according to the number of bookings. "Mercedes" and "Gypsy Marie" are the high-priced stars in Chicago "stag" theatrics.

"Mercedes" dances so alluringly in such few, if any, clothes that she has to keep a taxi cab busy six nights a week to carry her from one secret, well-guarded hall to another. She "saves the limit." So does "Gypsy Marie," according to Superintendent Thrasher.

The committee of fifteen recently took one smoker, by surprise, in the raid six men and the star performer—"Lucille"—were arrested and haled into morals court. Several hundred spectators were driven from the hall.

SHE GOES THE LIMIT.
The program was like this: A Rabelaisian monologist. An innocuous song and dance act. A fat lady monologist who made her predecessor sound like a Sunday school teacher.

"Lucille"—A dancer in few clothes. Speech by Master of Ceremonies.



"Now, boys, 'Lucille' has gone out to change her costume—if you call it a costume. You can try tossing a little coin on the stage and I think she'll go the limit."

(Jingling of much coin tossed on the stage.)
"Lucille"—In less clothes.
"Lucille"—In no clothes.

At this point came the unscheduled act on the program—the raid. These smokers are getting to be regular institutions," said Superintendent Thrasher.

INCREDIBLY VICIOUS.
They are largely attended by boys under 20 and are incredibly vicious. The whole industry must be broken up. Many smokers are legitimate, but too often they are mere excuses for improper dances and immoral motion picture films.

The committee of fifteen was organized in 1909 and is maintained by private subscription. It is given chief credit for wiping out Chicago's segregated vice district and now carries on a campaign against isolated places of commercialized vice and the exploitation of women.

BEGGING BUSINESS SLUMPS.
(By International News Service.)
PARIS.—It has just been discovered here that the high cost of living throughout France has had one good effect, that of killing beggary. The shortage of small change helped to deal the death blow. Hundreds of beggars who loitered the streets of Paris have now turned to work, where some of them are earning good money. In the good old days before the war a beggar in France often carried as much as ten francs a day. The average workman in a factory rarely got more than six francs. The only sort of beggar remaining in Paris is the one who stands outside church doors and who is usually so incapacitated as to be unable to work and yet too proud to go to the work-house.

The war department has sold surplus property which originally cost \$1,000,000,000 at a recovery of 63 per cent.

Farmers to Receive About \$3,500,000 Middle of the Month

Due to the fact that sugar is selling at less than \$10.00 wholesale, it is doubtful if the farmers will receive a bonus for their beets during the early months. Each of the beet raisings in the past, it is said, the pay day set for December 15 will be the final one for the present season.

The money will be paid to the farmers December 15 from the local offices of the company. Beets in all sections of Utah and Idaho have been removed to the factories and the farmers have completed their tasks for the present season.

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TEN-STORY 'SKYSCRAPER' BEING BUILT IN MADRID

MADRID, Oct. 31.—(Correspondence.)—A gigantic effort to settle the housing problem of the Spanish capital by the thrust of thousands of country folk to the city, is in progress in the northern section adjacent to the suburb of Cuatro Caminos. A private concern has acquired an enormous tract of land and has begun building what for Madrid are skyscrapers of ten stories. Each of the buildings is to contain 400 flats and 40 stores.

The new model suburb is to be in all respects modern. Engineers are now engaged in laying out a boulevard running through its center over half a mile long and 150 feet in width, with two carriage ways and a central promenade lined with trees.

Crude vanilla may soon be obtained from the wild pimento leaves of the Island of Jamaica.

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PREPARE FOR SEAL CAMPAIGN

Local Drive for Christmas Stamp Sale to Open Next Wednesday

The Christmas Seal drive will open in Ogden next Wednesday morning, according to George D. Bennett, secretary of the Ogden branch of Utah Public Health association. Ogden members of the executive committee and representatives of clubs and other organizations of the city will meet at 206 Colonel Hudson building next Tuesday evening, at which time the plans for the coming campaign will be mapped out. Reports from the various committees will also be read.

Four minute men will be placed in all of the theatres in the interest of the campaign under the leadership of Gus Wright.

Booths for selling the seals will be placed in all of the leading stores of the city. Each booth will be in charge of a corps of young women to be named at the Tuesday meeting. Mrs. Peter Herdt will have supervision over this section of the work. The Ogden Rotary club will handle the drive in the business section.

Executive committee members include Mrs. Ralph E. Bristol, Frank Briggs, George D. Bennett, J. H. Edredge, Jr., E. S. Hinkley, O. J. Stillwell, and Mr. Douglas Watson are working on the plans for the campaign. Their entire plans will be made public during the early part of the week.

SEATTLE HURT BY HIGH WINDS

Storm Tears Down Wires and Causes Damage in Washington State

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—Crippled telephone and telegraph service throughout many sections of western Washington was being restored today following subsiding of the storm which last night and early this morning swept the western half of the state, at times reaching a velocity estimated at from 75 to 80 miles an hour.

One death in Seattle was traced directly to the high winds and rains, accompanying the storm. Ben Huber, 45, was knocked down and killed by an automobile which he failed to see because of an umbrella he was carrying. The driver of the car said, the failure of street lights, caused by the storm and a wet windshield prevented him from seeing Huber until it was too late to turn out.

Some damage was reported among smaller shipping on Puget sound which was whipped into a sea of waves. A number of houses along the shore were damaged. In downtown Seattle plate glass windows were blown in and light and telephone wires torn down.

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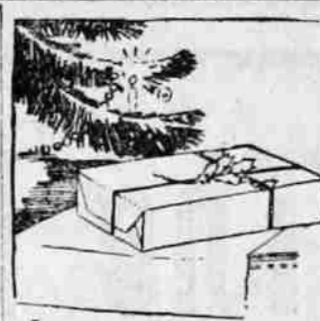
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